

PLATTSBURGH AIR FORCE BASE,
SQUADRON OPERATIONS BUILDING
(Plattsburgh Air Force Base, Building No. 2884)
Florida Street
Plattsburgh
Clinton County
New York

HAER No. NY-326-CO

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Location: Florida Street, Plattsburgh, Clinton County, New York.

UTM: 18.621560.4946960
Quad: Plattsburgh, NY-VT, 1:24,000 (1966)

Date of Construction: 1957

Architect/Engineer: Unknown

Present Owner: United States Air Force

Present Use: Vacant

Significance: Building No. 2884 housed the 310th and 380th Air Refueling Squadrons. Its function was essentially the same as its counterpart, Building No. 2833, although no Bombardment Squadron elements resided in the structure in recent years. It provided an operational building for squadron-level planning, briefing, administration, and critique of combat crews. Space was also provided for the care and storage of flight-essential supplies. Space was provided for the Operations officer to direct the flight operations and tactical functions of the squadron. The Squadron Operations Building also provided space for the squadron commander and his staff, storage of squadron records, control of unit flying and training tasks, intelligence, radar and navigation, cruise control, and photos.

Project Information: Building No. 2884 at Plattsburgh Air Force Base (AFB) is being documented in accordance with HAER standards to mitigate for the potential adverse effects of transferring deed of title to the property from federal ownership. The property transfer is a result of the disposal and reuse of Plattsburgh AFB, pursuant to the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1993. The mitigation is a stipulation of a Programmatic Agreement (PA) among the U.S. Air Force, the New York State Historic Preservation Officer, and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (October 2000).

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Summary Description of Squadron Operations Building (Building No. 2884)

Layout

Building No. 2884 is a 7,090 square-foot, single story, concrete block building. It originally had a flat roof; the present end-gabled roof is believed to have been added circa 1985. The building is L-shaped in plan, and built atop a concrete slab foundation. The main section of the building measures 71'-4" x 57'-0"; the offset portion measures 72'-0" x 42'-0". The windows appear to have been recently replaced and are one-over-one sashes; additionally, there are some single-light ones.

The front (north) elevation of Building No. 2884 is a long, horizontal wall. There are two sets of paired metal doors; one pair has a single window in the top half of each door, and a small canopy overhead. The other pair of doors is wood, with a 4-light window in the top half of each door and three recessed panels in the bottom half, providing access to air ducts and electrical equipment. Four groups of one-over-one sash windows and three single-light windows are evenly spaced across the façade. A single metal personnel door with a window in its top half is in the center of the eastern section of the building, with two groups of one-over-one sash windows to its right. The western section has two groupings and three individual, one-over-one sashes to its right. The west elevation extends out to the left (south). There is a single, windowed personnel door in the center, with two groups of one-over-one sash windows to its left, and a strip of single-light windows to its right.

Building No. 2884 is similar in plan, elevation and construction to Buildings No. 2736, 2739, 2786, 2833, and 2885.

Alterations/Additions

Other than the gabled roof addition, there have been no other additions or alterations to Building No. 2884.

Function

Building No. 2884 was continuously used for squadron operations.

Significance

Building No. 2884 at Plattsburgh AFB was designed to accommodate a variety of uses and functions as needed in support of the Strategic Air Command Cold War mission. Toward that end, it proved to be an adaptable building type.

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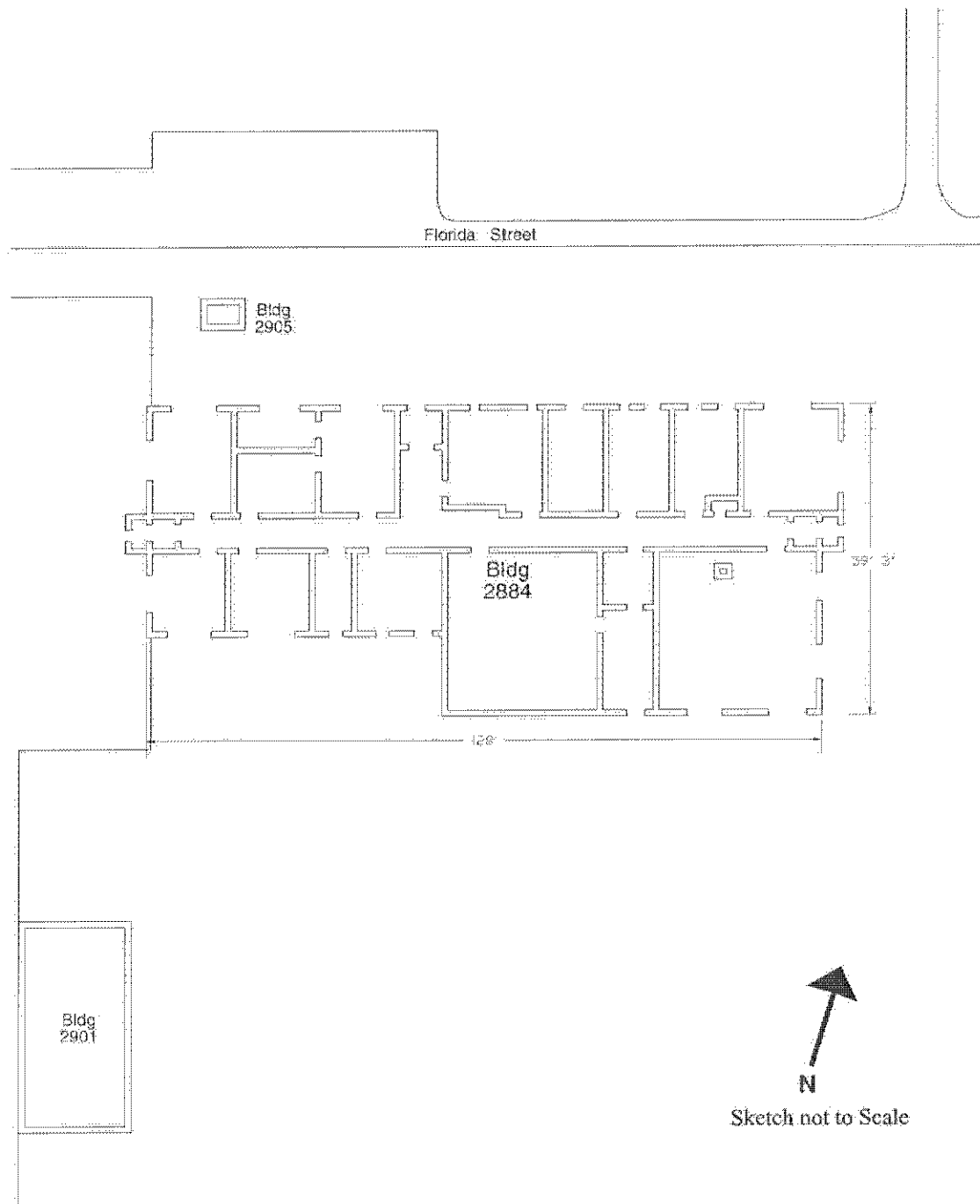
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